

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council Item ID: 14203 Agenda Number 17.

Meeting Date: June 28, 2012

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with JAY-REESE CONTRACTORS, INC., for the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake in the amount of \$20,682,324.30 plus a \$1,034,116 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$21,716,440.30. Related to Item #46.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of eight bids received.
Prior Council Action:	May 26, 2011 - Council approved a second amendment for additional design services to complete construction. October 15, 2009 - Council approved the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement for additional design services to route more of the trail over land. March 5, 2009 - Council approved the alignment of the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake as a preliminary concept.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board and the Urban Transportation Commission. Recommended by the Environmental Board, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Design Commission.
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 1.63% MBE and 20.80% WBE subcontractor participation.

Additional Backup Information

Town Lake beautification efforts began in the 1970s by a coalition of civic leaders that included a shoreline trail completely around Lady Bird Lake as part of the original vision. The Trail Foundation led an effort to provide an Investment Study in the fall of 2007 which led to Council's initial authorization for design of this project. A series of public input meetings and hearings were held from September 2008 through October 2009 for selection of routes and development of design. In the November 2010 Bond Election, voters approved final design, permitting and construction funding for the Boardwalk Trail project. The Trail Foundation has committed to provide \$3,000,000 in construction funding to the project.

This Boardwalk Trail project will provide a missing link in the Butler Hike and Bike Trail along the shores of Lady Bird Lake. It will eliminate the less safe detour onto a busy section of Riverside Drive sidewalk including the Interstate Highway 35 intersection. The approximately 7,100 linear feet of trails will be partially over lake waters and partially over land through City parkland and easements from several developers. Trailhead facilities at the eastern gateway off of Lakeshore Boulevard will include a new restroom and a terraced landscape area. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2012 and be complete in February of 2014.

The project team may seek a floodplain variance to the Land Development Code related to increases in water surface elevation. The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) will bring this request to Council for a public hearing. The project team is currently working with WPD to define the potential impact to the floodplain and evaluate possible mitigation strategies.

Due to the potential for unforeseen geological conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 540 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78704 and 78741, and is managed by the Public Works Department.

Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc., is located in Austin, TX.